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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7929]

TITLE: 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collections: DDTC Brokering Collections.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collections of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Annual Brokering Report
- OMB Control Number: 1405–0141
- Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection
- Originating Office: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC
- Form Number: None
- Respondents: Business and Nonprofit Organizations
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,515
- Estimated Number of Responses: 1,515
- Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours
- Total Estimated Burden: 3,030 hours
- Frequency: *Annually*
- Obligation to Respond: *Mandatory*
- Title of Information Collection: *Brokering Prior Approval (License)*

- OMB Control Number: 1405–0142
- Type of Request: *Extension of Currently Approved Collection*
- Originating Office: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC
- Form Number: None
- Respondents: Business and Nonprofit Organizations
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,515
- Estimated Number of Responses: 150
- Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours
- Total Estimated Burden: 300 hours
- Frequency: On Occasion
- Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain Benefits

DATE(S): Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) until 30 days from [insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- E-mail: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Fax: 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collections listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the information collection and supporting documents, to Nicholas

Memos, PM/DDTC, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., 20522-0112, who may be reached via phone at (202) 663-2829, or via e-mail at memosni@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: The export, temporary import, temporary export and brokering of defense articles, defense services and related technical data are licensed by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls in accordance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR parts 120–130) and Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act. Any person who manufactures or exports defense articles, defense services, and related technical data, or the brokering thereof, must register with the Department of State. Persons desiring to engage in brokering activities must submit an application or written request to conduct the transaction to the Department to obtain a decision whether it is in the interests of U.S. foreign policy and national security to approve the transaction. Also, registered brokers must submit annual reports regarding all brokering activity that was transacted, and

registered manufacturers and exporter must maintain records of defense trade activities for five years.

Methodology: These forms/information collections may be sent to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls via the following methods: mail or personal delivery.

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Date

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